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I would like to thank the committee for hearing my support for HB 5443 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF BREED OF DOG AS AN UNDERWRITING FACTOR FOR HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS INSURANCE POLICIES.

I believe that is discriminatory to use the breed of a dog in the underwriting process of homeowners or renters insurance. I have had many different types of dogs in my life with different personalities. And I have met even more just being an animal lover and rescue advocate. But what concerns me is all the dogs I see from people pleading to find a new home for their dog because their new place won't allow their type of dog. And usually stated that the landlord says its the insurance company not them. Sometimes it happens after they have been living there for months. It not appropriate to allow one type of dog over another. And I as a home owner should not have to let a dog die in a shelter over fear of my insurance dropping me because I bring a new pet home. I have personally been more scared of some of the Labradors that I have met than any of the pitbulls, rotweilers, etc. but they are always promoted as the perfect family dog. So in closing it is just plain discrimination and unfair to the residents of this state to have to choose with type of family member they will have. Because our pets are our family.

Thank you again for your time and understanding in this matter.

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